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DISCONTINUATION OF COIN BOX FACILITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that coin box for mobile connectivity has been discontinued in rural parts of the country due to a recent notification by the Telephone Regulatory Authority of India; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to restart this facility?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, no such notification has been issued by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India. However, as per present policy coin box to mobile connectivity is permissible only in places which have Point of Interconnect with cellular network and are also Long Distance Charging Centre. This policy is for rural and urban both.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.